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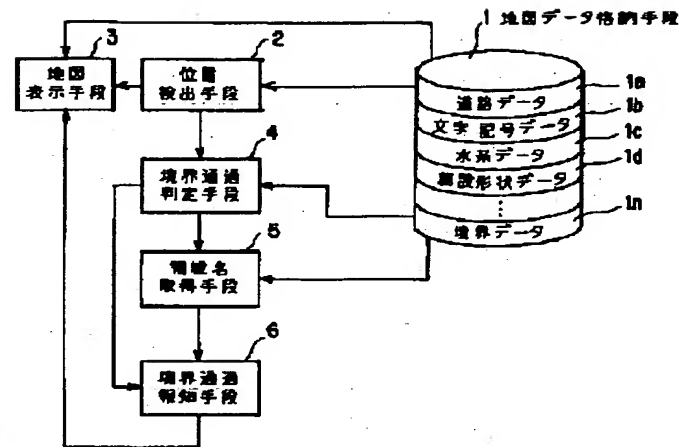
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VEHICLE-MOUNTING



**ABSTRACT :** PURPOSE: To obtain a map display apparatus by which a user can easily know a region or a boundary which is being run.

**CONSTITUTION:** A map display apparatus is provided with a boundary-passage judgment means 4 by which it is judged that a moving body has passed an administrative boundary, on the basis of pieces of data from a position detection means 2 and map-data storage means 1, with a region-name acquisition means 5 by which a region name on the side of the advance direction of at least the moving body of the boundary is acquired from boundary data 1n and with a boundary-passage report means 6 which reports the passage of the boundary on the screen of a map display means 3 by means of a character or a sound. In addition, the map display apparatus is provided with a region selection means which selects a region, with a boundary-data acquisition means which acquires boundary data on the selected region and with a region display means which emphasizes and displays the boundary or the region on the basis of the acquired boundary data.

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